

Amendment No. 2 to SB1116

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1116*

House Bill No. 2035

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by deleting subsection (a) of Section 14 of the printed bill and substituting instead the following language:

(a) Following reasonable efforts to reach agreement, either the municipality or the recognized professional employees' organization may, upon written notification to the other, request the services of the federal mediation and conciliation service. If such service is not available at a time agreeable to the requesting party, a mediator shall be selected by a three-member panel consisting of one (1) person selected by the municipality, one (1) selected by the recognized professional employees' organization and one (1) person to serve as chair selected by these two (2) persons. The mediator shall meet with the parties or their representatives, or both, forthwith, either jointly or separately and shall take such other steps as the mediator may deem appropriate in order to persuade the parties to resolve their differences and effect a mutually acceptable agreement. The mediator shall not, without the consent of both parties, make findings of fact or recommend terms of settlement. The cost of the services of the mediator appointed by the panel shall be paid for by the party requesting the services.